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Office of the Utah State Auditor Releases **A Graphical Analysis of Utah's Reliance on Federal Funding** *Review of 30 Years of Single Audit Data*

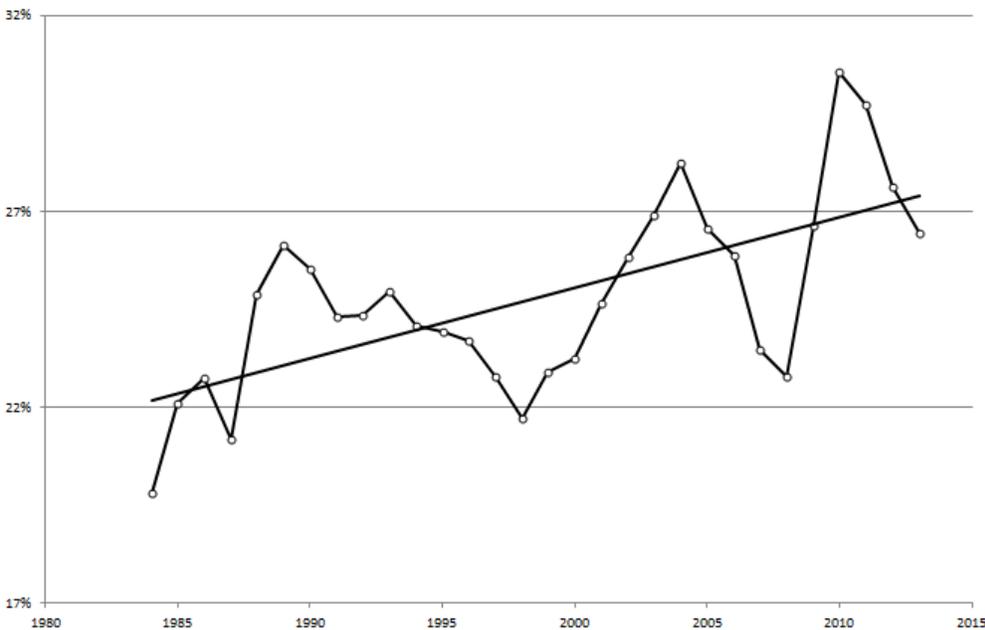
Salt Lake City, UTAH –

As announced in December, the Office of the Utah State Auditor annually performs a Single Audit (Federal Funds Compliance Audit) of the State's expenditures of federal funds. Recently, the Office also completed a historical analysis of the State's receipt and use of federal funds to identify trends over the last 30 years which show a steady increase in Utah's reliance on federal funds.

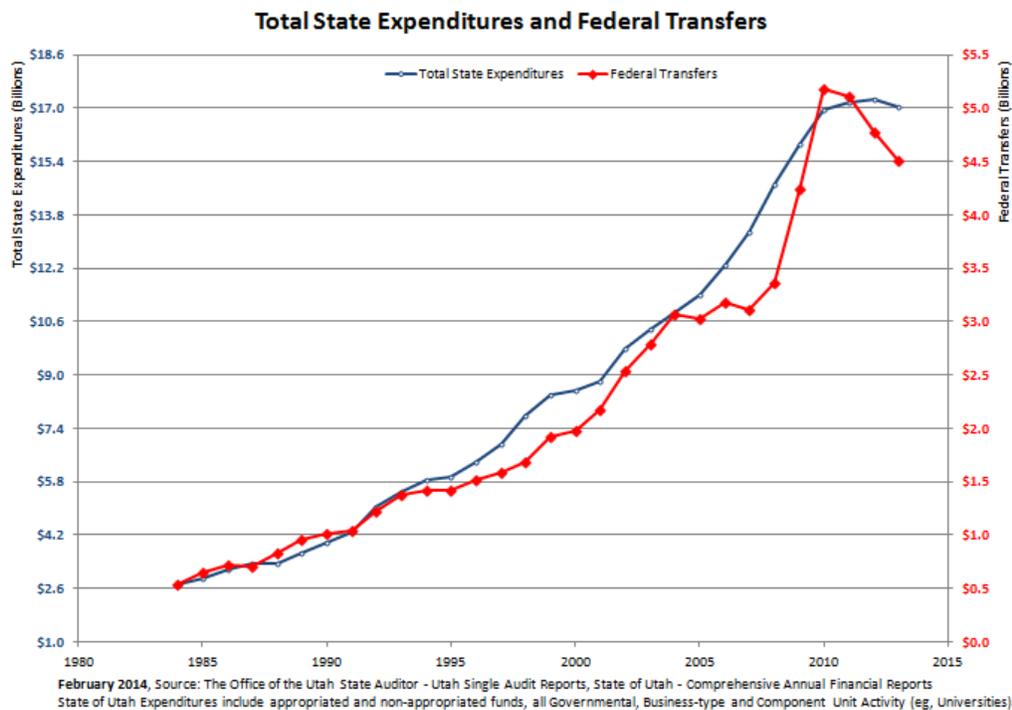
The \$4.510 billion in federal funds spent by Utah in fiscal year 2013, an eight fold increase from the \$500 million awarded by the federal government in 1984, represents 26% of the State's total fiscal year 2013 expenditures of \$17.381 billion which is a six fold increase from the \$2.7 billion expended by Utah in 1984. Broadly, the percentage of Utah's budget that consists of federal funds increases in periods of economic recession and falls in periods of economic expansion. However, the average annual growth of federal transfers of 7.6% utilized by the State of Utah has outpaced the growth in total expenditures of 6.6%. Utah has become more dependent on federal transfers over time, though the most recent experience is a falling share - the level of dependence on federal transfers remains high.

The attached graphs provide a clear depiction of these trends over time.

Percent of State Expenditures from Federal Transfers



February 2014, Source: The Office of the Utah State Auditor - Utah Single Audit Reports, State of Utah - Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports
State of Utah Expenditures include appropriated and non-appropriated funds, all Governmental, Business-type and Component Unit Activity (eg, Universities)



A copy of the 2013 Single Audit Report can be viewed on our website at auditor.utah.gov and specifically at financialreports.utah.gov/saoreports/2013/2013SingleAuditReportStateofUtah.pdf. Larger versions of the graphs can be found at auditor.utah.gov/news/ and specifically at auditor.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2013/05/Historical-Expenditures-for-Utah-Graphs-2-18-2014.pdf.

About the Office of the Utah State Auditor

The Office of the Utah State Auditor provides Utah taxpayers and government officials with an independent assessment of financial operation, statutory compliance, and performance management for state and local government.

Specific activities of the Office include performing financial audits, conducting Federal funds compliance audits, providing local government oversight, conducting agency and program performance audits, performing fraud & compliance audits, and operating the State Auditor Hotline for citizens to report suspected financial issues or improprieties. These capabilities strengthen Utah State Government and help taxpayers have confidence in the integrity of Utah’s government agencies.

The Utah State Auditor is a Constitutional Officer of the State of Utah, elected directly by the state’s citizens every 4 years. The role of the Utah State Auditor is authorized in Article VII, Section 15 of the Utah Constitution. Additional Information at Auditor.Utah.gov

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